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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International Publication No. WO 00/03344 published January 20, 2000;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-16182 published January 17, 2003 together with an English language abstract;
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-126007 published May 11, 2001 together with an English language abstract;

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-125995 published May 11, 2001 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-242710 published September 7, 1999 together with an English language abstract;
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-178443 published June 30, 1998 together with an English language abstract; and
7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-52073 published February 23, 2001 together with an English language abstract.

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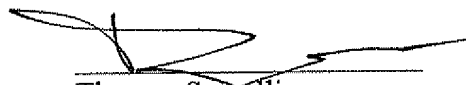
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